

**State of Minnesota****District Court**

County

Judicial District: \_\_\_\_\_

Court File Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Dissolution with  
Children**In Re the Marriage of:**\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Petitioner

And

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Respondent**Summons (Check One)**☐ **Without Real Estate**☐ **With Real Estate**

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

**WARNING: Your spouse has filed a lawsuit against you for dissolution of your marriage. A copy of the paperwork regarding the lawsuit is served on you with this summons. This summons is an official document from the court that affects your rights. Read this summons carefully. If you do not understand it, contact an attorney for legal advice.**

1. The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for a dissolution of your marriage (divorce). A copy of the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* is attached to this *Summons*. There should also be a copy of Petitioner's *Financial Affidavit* attached.
2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the Court a written *Answer* to the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* and your *Financial Affidavit*. You must pay the required filing fee. *Answer* forms and the *Financial Affidavit* form are available from the Court Administrator's office. You must serve your *Answer* and *Financial Affidavit* upon Petitioner **within thirty (30) days** of the date you were served with this *Summons*, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your *Answer* and *Financial Affidavit*, the Court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*.
3. ☐ This proceeding involves, affects, or brings into question the real property located at the following address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, with the following legal description: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This proceeding does not involve real property.

### **NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS**

Under Minnesota law, service of this summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:

- (1) Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.
- (2) Neither party may harass the other party.
- (3) All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.
- (4) Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules. You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available to you through a nonprofit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

**IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.**

### **NOTICE OF PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Under Minnesota Statutes, Section 518.157, in a contested proceeding involving custody or parenting time of a minor child, the parties must begin participation in a parent education program that meets minimum standards promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court

within 30 days after the first filing with the court. In some Districts, parenting education may be required in all custody or parenting proceedings. You may contact the District Court Administrator for additional information regarding this requirement and the availability of parent education programs.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Signature

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_